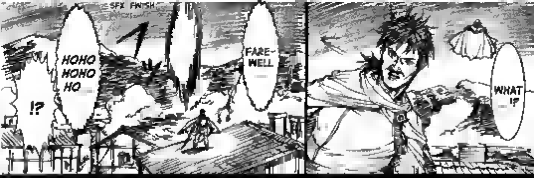
Side Story
Chapter 1

THIS WAS THE LAST OF THEM...
SFX: FWOOM
SFX: WHAM
IT WAS YOU WHO SET THESE MONSTERS LOOSE ALL OVER MY KINGDOM, WASN'T IT ?

TELL ME...
WHAT BUSINESS DO THE DEMONS HAVE
WITH THIS KING-DOM?
KOHO HOHO HO
I DIDN'T EXPECT A HUMAN WARRIOR OF YOUR STRENGTH HERE...

TO THINK YOU BESTED A DRAGON WITH BARE HANDS...

SFX: WA SH
HOHO HOHO HO
WAIT!!
THANKS FOR THE INCREDIBLY ENTERTAINING SHOW BUT SINCE I GOT WHAT I CAME HERE FOR, I WILL BE TAKING MY LEAVE NOW
SFX: BOOM
I'M NOT LETTING YOU GET AWAY!!



HE GOT WHAT HE CAME FOR.....?

SHE WAS KIDNAPPED BY MONSTERS
MY KING!! QUEEN MAASA WAS...!!
HUFF
HUFF
MAASA!! RYUKA!!
SFX: WHAM
SHIT!!

!!?
WAAA AHHH HH...
WAAA AHHH HH
RYUKA
WAA AHHH HH
WAAA AHHH HH
RYUKA!! WHERE ARE YOU RYUKA!?
!!
THERE YOU ARE!!
WAAA AHHH HH
WAAA AHHH HH...
RYUKA

SIX YEARS HAVE ALREADY PASSED SINCE THEN. HUH
SIGH
OOPS. I MUST HAVE DOZED OFF
.....

MAASA
.....
WHERE ARE YOU RIGHT NOW AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I—
I.....

PUCKLE, COME HERE!!
OH, DON'T MEN-TION IT—
THANK YOU AS ALWAYS
YOUR SON IS A LIVELY ONE—

I HEARD HE ALSO GOT RID OF THOSE GHOSTS AT LENOIRE CASTLE WHEN HE WAS WITH YOU IN ALCAPA
AND HE'S BRAVE TOO NOT ONLY DID HE ENTER THAT CAVE BY THE RIVER AND RESCUE GUSTAV FROM A CAVE-IN THE OTHER DAY
SIGH...
I COULD TEACH HIM A FEW OF MY TRICKS WHILE YOU ARE OFF ON A TRIP AGAIN
SAY, WHY DON'T YOU LEAVE HIM WITH ME FOR A WHILE? I WAS QUITE THE FAMOUS WARRIOR WHEN I WAS YOUNG, YOU KNOW?
I GAVE HIM A GOOD SCOLDING FOR IT ONLY A WHILE AGO
BESIDES, HE JUST HAPPENED TO BE LUCKY ON BOTH OCCASIONS IS ALL
HE'S A CLUELESS, CURIOUS KID WHO HAS YET TO LEARN FEAR
PRAISE HIM?
WHY WOULD I DO THAT?
YOU DIDN'T PRAISE HIM?
IT'S NOT LIKE HE DID IT BECAUSE HE KNEW IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO

WHAT?
...
EVEN A CHEERFUL CHILD LIKE HIM MIGHT END UP TURNING BAD, YOU KNOW?
IF YOU DON'T CHANGE YOUR CURRENT ATTITUDE TOWARDS HIM
?
I REALLY WISH YOU'D LOOK AFTER YOUR CHILD MORE FOR A CHANGE
NO, I WASN'T SUGGESTING DISCIPLINING HIM
HOW DO YOU SUGGEST I DISCIPLINE HIM THEN?
NO, THAT'S NOT IT
SO YOU'RE SAYING I'M NOT STRICT ENOUGH WITH HIM?
...
OKAY, I'LL HAVE THE BOAT READY
YEAH
OH, ARE YOU COMING AGAIN TOMORROW?
MEH, SUIT YOURSELF. DON'T SAY I DIDN'T WARN YOU THOUGH

HAVE YOU FOUND WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?
HMM ...
I ...
BUT I WILL, AT ANY COST
NOT YET...

LET'S GO, PUCKLE!
BOW!!
RYUKA, WE RE GOING!
AH, OKAY!!
RIGHT, PUCK-LE?
BOW!
OF COURSE HE CAN! BECAUSE PUCKLE IS SMART!
HEH... THE KILLER PANTHER'S SURE TAKEN TO YOU. IT S ALMOST LIKE HE CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU RE SAYING
SIR!!
IT'S TRUE!!
I'M NOT LYING!!
HAHAHAHA STOP LYING! THERE'S NO WAY A KILLER PANTHER CAN LEARN TO READ!
SFX: THUD
HE'S EVEN LEARN-ING TO READ NOW!!
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?
HAHF HAHF
WHAT'S WRONG, SANCHO?
WHAP

AN ENVOY FROM THE KINGDOM OF REINHART BROUGHT IT. HE TRAVELLED ALL THE WAY OUT HERE TO DELIVER IT TO YOU
THIS LETTER CAME
I SEE. I'LL GO READ IT IN MY STUDY. DINNER CAN WAIT
AS YOU WISH, SIR
WHAT? WHAT? WHOSE LETTER IS IT?
LETTER? WHO IS IT FROM?

IS THE LETTER FROM HIM...?
YEAH
IT'S FROM BELAIS
I SEE
LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO HEAD OVER TO REINHART
I'M COUNTING ON YOU TO WATCH THE HOUSE IN MY PLACE
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO KING BELAIS?
NO ALL HE WROTE IS THAT HE'D LIKE TO MEET AND CATCH UP BECAUSE IT'S BEEN A WHILE BUT SOMETHING FEELS OFF
I'LL TRY TO COME BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
AND I'LL WRITE A LETTER IF IT SEEMS LIKE I HAVE TO STAY LONGER
YES, SIR
WHAT DO WE TELL THE YOUNG MASTER?
?

RYUKA
YOUNG MASTER
DAD ARE YOU LEAVING AGAIN?
I'M PLANNING ON LEAVING TOMORROW MORNING. I'LL LEAVE THE PREPARATIONS TO YOU!
YES, SIR.
ALSO, PLEASE PREPARE RYUKA'S THINGS TOO
HE'S ALREADY BEEN TO REINHART ONCE, BUT HE WAS A BABY. SO I DOUBT HE REMEMBERS...
BESIDES, BLOIS WROTE HE WANTS TO SEE HOW BIG RYUKA'S GOTTEN...
DAD!

A DRAWING, HUH?
LOOK! I DREW THIS!!
SFX: SHOCKED
!!?
YOU'RE NOT VERY GOOD AT DRAWING ARE YOU? ALSO, WHO IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE?
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
HE DREW A PICTURE OF ME, HUH?
EVEN SO, DID YOU REALLY HAVE TO PUT IT LIKE THAT!? HE'S YOUR SON!!
I DIDN'T SEE IT WHEN HE SHOWED IT TO ME
IT'S OBVIOUSLY YOU, SIR!! IT EVEN SAYS "MY BELOVED FATHER" HERE!!
MY BAD

I HAD NO IDEA CHILDREN DO STUFF LIKE THIS FOR THEIR PARENTS
HUH? SANCHO, WHERE'S THE PICTURE I SHOWED YOU?
YOUR FATHER HAS IT NOW
EH?
IT WAS A GIFT TO HIM ANYWAY, WASN'T IT?
YOUR FATHER'S STILL VERY INEXPERIENCED AS A FATHER, BUT HE'S WORKING ON IT, SO PLEASE FORGIVE HIM
SANCHO- THERE'S NO NEED TO SAY IT SO LOUD I CAN HEAR YOU JUST FINE
VERY INEXPERIENCED AS A FATHER, HUH...

HUH ? W-WHAT DO YOU WANT?
HEY, YOU!
I GUESS I NEED TO HAVE A FATHER AND SON TALK WITH HIM...
AH THANK YOU SO MUCH...
THAT NEEDS TO BE CHOPPED RIGHT? LET ME DO IT
IT SURE IS...
REINHART IS A HUGE KINGDOM, RIGHT!?
COOL... I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE IT!!

YOU FOR-GOT DIDN'T YOU!?
AH
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU TO NEVER LET YOUR GUARD DOWN WHEN WE'RE OUT HERE!?
RYUKA!
"I REALLY WISH YOU'D LOOK AFTER YOUR CHILD MORE FOR A CHANGE."
"IF YOU DON'T CHANGE YOUR CURRENT ATTITUDE TOWARDS HIM
I'M SOR-RY
I!?
EH! REAL-LY!?
YAY!!
SFX PAT
...BUT YOU DID GOOD IN THAT LAST BATTLE. TRY TO STAY AS FOCUS-SED

I SEE
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DAD PRAISED ME FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE!! I DID IT!!
PUCKLE, DID YOU HEAR THAT!?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I PRAISED HIM HUH
I HAVE NEGLECTED MY DUTY AS A SINGLE FATHER TO MAKE UP FOR THE LACK OF A MOTHER'S LOVE
UH-OH! I CAN'T LET MY GUARD DOWN!
WE'VE BEEN TRAVELLING TOGETHER EVER SINCE WE LEFT GRANVANIA BUT I GUESS I'VE BEEN OVERLY STRICT ON HIM
I'M NOT SURE IF IT DOES HIM ANY GOOD...
UNTIL NOW, I HAVE BEEN DRAGGING HIM AROUND FOR MY OWN PURPOSES, BUT...
THIS BOY
WHAT KIND OF A MAN WILL HE GROW UP TO BE, I WONDER...

BUT
BUT ...!!
STUNTING HIS GROWTH BY NOT GIVING HIM ENOUGH ROOM TO GROW..?
WHAT IF I HAVE BEEN...
AFTER WHAT HAPPENED TO MY BELOVED WIFE...
I JUST CAN'T...
LOOKS LIKE IT'S NOT JUST BATTLES YOU'VE GOTTEN SKILLED AT LIGHTING FIRES TOO
YEAH THE GUY WHO'S ALWAYS IN FRONT OF OUR HOUSE TAUGHT IT TO ME!

DAD, DID SOMETHING HAPPEN? YOU'RE SO TALKATIVE TODAY
H-HUH? AM I?
EH?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO BE IN THE FUTURE?
HMM...
I WANT TO BE LIKE YOU DAD--
A STRONG MAN WHO'S RESPECTED BY EVERY-ONE IN THE VILLAGE AND WHO GETS AROUND A LOT
HMM.

CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING, DAD?
Y-YOU DO?
WHA-WHAT IS IT?
WE'VE BEEN OVER THIS RYUKA SHE DIED SHORTLY AFTER GIVING BIRTH TO YOU
IS MOM REALLY DEAD?
YES!
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY? THAT I LIED TO YOU?
IS THAT REALLY TRUE?
WHA!?

MOM IS STILL ALIVE, ISN'T SHE?
DEMONS KIDNAPPED HER WHEN I WAS JUST A BABY
THAT'S WHY YOU ALWAYS TRAVEL THE WORLD LOOKING FOR CLUES TO HER WHEREABOUTS, RIGHT?
RYUKA... YOU KNEW?
YEAH, I HEARD YOU AND SANCHO TALKING ABOUT HER
I'M SORRY FOR THAT
I EAVES-DROPPED ON YOU A COUPLE TIMES...
BUT THAT'S NOT ALL... I SEE MOM IN MY DREAMS SOMETIMES... IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN
I SAW YOU AND MOM FROM BEFORE I WAS BORN, AND MOM HOLDING ME AS A BABY...
AND THEN I SAW HOW DEMONS TOOK MOM AWAY...

I'M SURE THERE'S A REASON FOR WHY YOU VE KEPT IT SECRET FROM ME BUT...
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY-MORE!!
I KNOW I'M STILL JUST A KID I CAN T EVEN READ WELL AND THERE'S SO MUCH I HAVE YET TO LEARN
I KNOW I'M MORE BURDEN THAN HELP IN BATTLE TOO
BUT BUT STILL..
I WANT TO LOOK FOR MOM WITH YOU!!
SO PLEASE TELL ME, DAD!!
TELL ME WHAT YOU'RE HIDING FROM ME!!
I WANT TO SEE MOM AGAIN TOO!!
PLEASE, DAD!!
WE'RE FAMILY, AREN'T WE!?
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COME
Z...
EH ?
COME HERE
RYU--KA
.....
TO THINK YOU'VE GROWN SO MUCH THAT YOU CAN EVEN TALK BACK TO YOUR FATHER NOW...
BUT THIS TIME TOPS IT ALL...
YOU WERE ALWAYS A PERCEPTIVE CHILD AND MANAGED TO SURPRISE ME AGAIN AND AGAIN...
YOU SURE HAVE GROWN A LOT

ALL RIGHT... I SHALL TELL YOU EVERY-THING!
REALLY!?
YES, BUT...
YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL WE'RE BACK HOME
!!
I WAS THINKING OF SPEND MORE TIME WITH YOU AFTER THIS TRIP TO REINHART ANYWAY
WHY!? TELL ME NOW!!
IT'S TOO IM-PORTANT A TOPIC TO TALK ABOUT IN A HURRY NOW
BESIDES, I NEED TIME TO SORT OUT MY THOUGHTS FIRST
I'M SURE YOU UNDER-STAND
THAT SWORD... WHAT IF IT'S...
NO, NEVER-MIND... THAT'S FOR AN-OTHER TIME

I WANT TO REACH REINHART BEFORE DINNER
NOW, TRY TO GET SOME SLEEP. WE HAVE TO GET UP EARLY TOMORROW
PROMISE YOU'LL TELL ME EVERYTHING!?
STOP SULKING
HAVE PATIENCE UNTIL WE GET BACK HOME!
YEAH... I PROMISE!

Appendix:

Characters in chapter 1:

Papas (Pankraz)

Gema (Ladja)

Ryuka (The Hera)

Nilam

Puckle (Saber)

Guutav (Rackefeller)

Sancha

Baki

Mansters in chapter 1:

Black Dragon

Lacatians in chapter 1:

- Granvania (Gatha)
- Santa Rasa (Whealbrook)
- Lenoire Castle (Upptaten Towers)
- Alcopo (Roundbeck)
- Reinhart (Coburg)